

CITY OF SAN DIEGO M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: September 5, 2001

TO: Charles G. Abdelnour, City Clerk

FROM: Year 2000 Redistricting Commission

SUBJECT: Final Redistricting Plan for City Council Districts

The City of San Diego Redistricting Commission is vested with the sole and exclusive authority to adopt plans which specify the boundaries of districts for the City Council. On a vote of 5 – 2, the Redistricting Commission adopted a Final Redistricting Plan on September 5, 2001. The Plan complies with redistricting criteria established by the Commission and is in accord with the requirements of the U.S. Constitution, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the San Diego City Charter. The Commission also relied on traditional redistricting principals in drawing and adopting the new City Council boundaries. The following principals are observed:

Equalize the population by forming City Council districts designated by numbers 1 to 8 inclusive that contain, as nearly as practicable, one-eighth of the total population of the city as shown by the Federal Census;

Avoid diluting the voting strength of protected classes as set forth in the 1965 Voting Rights Act;

Provide fair and effective representation for all citizens of the City, including racial, ethnic, and language minorities;

Use contiguous territory to form districts;

Use whole Census geography and correct for blocks split in previous plans;

Preserve and unite identifiable communities of interest;

Observe natural boundaries as district dividing lines;

Create districts that are as geographically compact as possible; and

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Avoid drawing district boundaries for the purpose of advantaging or protecting incumbents.

The Redistricting Commission convened 50 public meetings between October 25, 2000 and September 5, 2001, each noticed in accordance with the Brown Act. Among those 50 meetings were 16 widely publicized public hearings, two in each City Council District, exceeding the requirement of the San Diego City Charter to hold at least four (4) public hearings in various geographic areas of the City before the preparation of a Preliminary Redistricting Plan and at least three (3) after its adoption for a total of seven (7).

A map of the Final Redistricting Plan (adopted September 5, 2001) is attached. This Plan represents minimal change from the existing 1991 City Council district boundaries. The changes, based on Census 2000 geography, are summarized as follows:

1. Uniting the communities of Linda Vista, Clairemont Mesa and Kearny Mesa, adjusting population between the two districts, and improving the compactness of both districts by moving Census tracts 85.10, 86.00, 87.01, 90.00 and half of 85.11 (Census blocks 1002 - 1015, 1040 - 1069) from Council District 5 to Council District 6.
2. Uniting the community of Egger Highlands with other South Bay communities and improving the compactness of both districts by moving Census tracts 101.03 and 101.04 from Council District 2 to Council District 8. A complementing action in the San Diego Bay moves that portion of Census tract 99.02 south of an imaginary line in Census block 9996 (representing an extension of 8th Avenue westerly to the City limit and intersecting the City of Coronado near G Street) from Council District 2 to Council District 8, and puts all the Census blocks south of the Coronado Bay Bridge that were previously split between the two districts in Council District 8.
3. Adjusting population between the two districts and uniting the downtown portion of the community of East Village by moving the northern half of Census tract 51.00 (all of Census block group 1 and blocks 2000 - 2003, 3000 - 3025, 3027 and 3028) from Council District 8 to Council District 2.
4. Adjusting for whole Census geography and uniting the community of South Park by moving portions of Census tract 42.00 (portions of Census blocks 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2026 that were previously split between the two districts and all of Census block 2013) from Council District 8 to Council District 3.

5. Uniting the community of Pacific Beach, adjusting population between the three districts, improving the compactness of the districts, and adjusting for whole Census geography by moving Census tracts 80.02 and 78.00, the eastern halves of Census tracts 79.03 (Census block group 1 and blocks 2000 - 2002, 2005, 2006, 4000 and 4003) and 79.04 (Census block group 3 and blocks 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 4000, 4005, 4006 and 4011) from Council District 6 to Council District 2. Census tracts 83.01 and 83.10, which include the southeastern section of the community of La Jolla in the area of Mt. Soledad, previously split between Council District 1 and Council District 6 are moved to Council District 2. Also moved to Council District 2 are portions of Census blocks 6000 and 6003 in Census tract 80.01 in the Bird Rock area that were previously split between Council District 1 and Council District 2.
6. Adjusting the population between the two districts, recognizing Interstate 5 as the natural boundary line, and improving the compactness of both districts by moving the community of Cortez, portions of Census tract 56.00 (Census block group 1 and Census blocks 2033 - 2035 and 2042 - 2054), from Council District 3 to Council District 2.
7. Adjusting the population between the two districts and improving the compactness of both districts by moving the community of Park West, Census tracts 59.00 and 60.00, except block 3002, from Council District 3 to Council District 2.
8. Uniting the community of Hillcrest and improving the compactness of both districts by moving Census tract 4.00 from Council District 2 to Council District 3.
9. Uniting the community of University Heights and improving the compactness of both districts by moving Census tract 5.00 from Council District 2 to Council District 3.
10. Adjusting the population between the two districts by moving the western side of the Miramar military base, the western half of Census tract 94.00 (Census blocks 1005, 1006 and 1011 - 1024), from Council District 5 to Council District 7.
11. Uniting the community of Talmadge by moving the western portion of Census tract 28.03 (Census block groups 1, 2 and 3) from Council District 7 to Council District 3.
12. Uniting the neighborhood of Fairmount Park in City Heights by moving portions of Census tract 34.01 (Census blocks 2004 and 2005) from Council District 4 to Council District 3.

13. Adjusting for whole Census geography in the area of Grantville to reflect as closely as possible the boundary between the Navajo and Mission Valley Community Planning Areas. Census block groups 1, 2 and 3 and blocks 4014 - 4019, 4998 and 4999 in Census tract 96.03 are in Council District 6; all other blocks in Census tract 96.03 are in Council District 7.
14. Adjusting for whole Census geography by adjusting the boundary between Council District 1 and Council District 5 in the Rancho Penasquitos and Rancho Bernardo area; the new boundary between the two districts is the boundary between Census tracts 170.32 and 170.34.
15. Reuniting the community of De Anza and part of Mission Bay with the communities of Bay Park, Clairemont Mesa and Linda Vista by moving the eastern portion of Census tract 76.00 (all Census blocks east of Ingraham Street except block 3044, that portion of block 3000 that is north of North Mission Bay Drive and North Mission Bay Drive extended, the westernmost island in block 3039, and that portion of the bay in block 3999 that is northwest of an imaginary line stretching from the northeastern tip of Vacation Isle (block 3040) to its intersection with North Mission Bay Drive extended at the mouth of Rose Creek) from Council District 2 to Council District 6.
16. Adjusting for a U.S. Census Bureau change in the southern boundary of Census tract 56.00 by assigning Census blocks 2030 – 2032 to Council District 8.

The boundaries of each Council district are fixed based on Census geography. A list of Census tracts by Council District is attached to this filing statement. Any technical corrections to this Plan must recognize the intent of the Year 2000 Redistricting Commission.

In accordance with the requirements of the City Charter, this Final Redistricting Plan shall be effective thirty (30) days after adoption and shall be subject to the right of referendum in the same manner as are ordinances of the City Council. If rejected by referendum, the same Year 2000 Redistricting Commission shall create a new plan pursuant to the criteria set forth in Sections 5 and 5.1 of the San Diego City Charter.

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Attachments: Final Restricting Plan (Map) Adopted August 22, 2001
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